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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION OF UNCTAD TDB

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1. TDB DECIDED IN PARA 5(B) OF RESOLUTION 95(XIII) TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION BEFORE OR AFTER THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF BOARD WITH EXACT DATE TO BE DECIDED BY UNCTAD SG AND BOARD PRESIDENT AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION. SESSION NOT TO LAST MORE THAN 5 DAYS. RESOLUTION DEALS WITH INTERDEPENDENCE AND, WHILE WORDING OF PARA 5 IS NOT EXPLICIT, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT PURPOSE OF SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE TO DISCUSS INTERDEPENDENCE ONLY.

2. POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL SESSION IN SPRING HAS BEEN RAISED ON SEVERAL PAST OCCASIONS BUT NO PROPOSAL MADE. PRESIDENT OF BOARD (STAEHLIN-SWITZERLAND) STATES MATTER NOT DISCUSSED WITH HIM RECENTLY AND PEREZ-GUERRERO EXPRESSING ONLY PERSONAL VIEW. SECRETARIAT UNAWARE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY TENTATIVE DATE FOR SPECIAL SESSION OR THAT ANY CONSULTATIONS HELD.

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3. IN ADOPTING RES 95(XII), ONE OF LDC OBJECTIVES WAS TO ESTABLISH MECHANISM FOR RAPID CONVENING OF SPECIAL SESSION IF SITUATION IN MONETARY AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WARRANTED. FOR MOMENT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY ACTIVE ISSUE WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE LDCS TO INSIST ON MEETING IN EARLY 1974. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PG MAY WANT BOARD SESSION BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE SCHEDULED MARCH 31, 1974.

4. ADVANTAGE IN HOLDING MEETING AT TIME WHEN LDCS HAVE NO CLEAR CUT ISSUES AT STAKE IS THAT THERE IS LESS RISK OF UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS. ON OTHER HAND, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT ANY BOARD MEETING IS LIKELY TO BE TROUBLESOM FOR U.S. AND GROUP B AND DELAY PRESUMABLY MIGHT REDUCE RISKS OF DEMANDS FOR YET ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION.

5. WITH AGREEMENT TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION CLEARLY ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTION 95(XII), IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE PREVENT SCHEDULIN OF MEETING IF LDCS WANT IT. U.S. DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM RESOLUTION 95(XII) BECAUSE IT PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL SESSION WHETHER OR NOT SUCH SESSION IS NEEDED. WE SEE MERIT IN MAINTAINING THIS POSITION IN ABSENCE OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OR STRONG ARGUMENTS TO CONTRARY. BASSIN

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